

REMARKS

Filed concurrently herewith is a Two-Month Extension of Time which extends the shortened statutory period for the filing of a response in connection with the present application to August 3, 2006. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

With reference now to the Official Action and particularly page 2 thereof, Applicant wishes to acknowledge the Examiner's indication that the application is in condition for allowance except for outstanding formal matters. Particularly, the Examiner has noted that Fig. 3 should be designated by a legion such as "Prior Art" because only that which is old is illustrated. Filed concurrently herewith is a Submission of Substitute Drawings wherein Fig. 3 has been amended to include the legion "Prior Art" as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the several figures are now in proper formal condition for allowance.

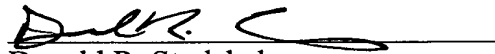
Further on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-9 have been objected to as including minor informalities. Particularly, the Examiner notes an inconsistency between the claim language of claim 1, lines 7-12 and that of the several figures and specification. As can be seen from the foregoing amendments, independent claim 1 has been amended to delete reference to "each" of the memory cells in lines 7 and 10, with claim 1 now reciting a plurality of first word lines provided for the memory cells for selecting a first memory cell from said memory cell array and a plurality of second word lines provided to said memory cells for selecting a second memory cell from said memory cell array. Such language is believed to be consistent with Applicant's specification and several figures. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Applicant's claimed invention as set forth in independent claim

1 as well as claims 2-9 is now in proper formal condition for allowance and clearly distinguishes over the prior art of record.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the objections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 1-9 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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